

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: THOMAS, Lawrence J.
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TREATING ATHEROSCLEROSIS

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner, dated July 16, 2003, in which the rejection of Claims 17-35 of the above-identified application was made final.

A check including the filing fee under 37 CFR §1.17(b) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies connected with this or any accompanying paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

An amendment and response to the final rejection is filed concurrently with this paper.

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Respectfully submitted,

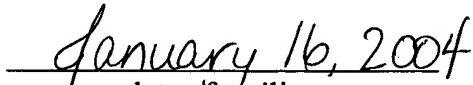


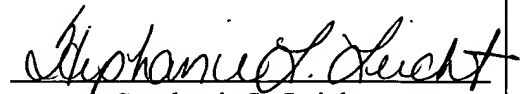
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